

Appl. No. 10/688,412
Response dated August 18, 2005
Reply to office action of August 1, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated August 1, 2005, in which the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement for original Claims 1-55. The Restriction Groups were set out as follows:

Group I. 1-32 drawn to a method for forming a catalyst;

Group II. 33-55 drawn to a process for producing hydrocarbons using a catalyst.

Election without Traverse

With this Response, Applicants elect to prosecute without traverse the claims of Group I. Applicants have elected to cancel non-elected claims 33-55 of Group II but intend to reserve the right to file a divisional or continuation application in which the non-elected claims may be prosecuted. It should be noted that Applicants have added new claims 56-78, but no new matter was added by way of amendments or new claims.

New claims:

New claims 56-62 depend from elected independent claim 32. New claims 63-64 depend from elected independent claim 1 and were added to cover additional embodiments of the invention.

Furthermore Applicants added a new independent claim 65 drawn to a method for forming a catalyst to cover another embodiment of the invention to which Applicants are entitled, and from which new claims 66-78 are dependent. Applicants respectfully request that the new claims 65-78 be considered with elected Group I.

New claims 56-78 are supported by the originally filed claims and specification, e.g., supported by at least original claims 6-8 and 31, paragraphs [0032] to [0034], paragraphs [0047] to [0054], paragraphs [0057], [0063] and [0075].

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended.

Claims 33-55 are cancelled.

Claims 56-78 are new.

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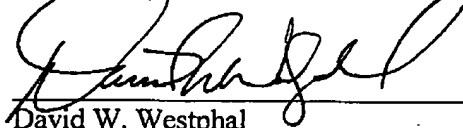
Claims 1-32 and 56-78 are now pending.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that they have fully responded to the Office Action and that the pending claims are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or otherwise feels it would be advantageous, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (580) 767-4958.

Should any fees have been inadvertently omitted, or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Deposit Account Number 16-1575 of ConocoPhillips Company., Houston, Texas, and consider this a petition for any necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,



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